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Legislative Assembly Question--Provinces on linguistic basis--Boundary Commission--Papers recorded.

Resolutions re division of the Madras Province.

*634 Q:- SRI M. BAPINEEDU (on behalf of Sri A. Kaleswara Rao): Will the Honourable the Premier be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether the Madras Government have communicated to the Government of India the resolutions passed by both the Houses of Legislature regarding the division of the Madras Province into separate Andhra, Tamil, Kerala and Karnataka Provinces; and

(b) Whether the Madras Government have carried on any correspondence with the Government of India regarding the appointment of a Boundary Commission?

THE HONOURABLE DOCTOR P. SUBBARAYAN (on behalf of Honourable the Premier):- "(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(b) The answer is in the negative."

SRI M. BAPINEEDU:- " Will the Government represent to the Central Government, that an Order-in-Council may be passed for the formation of the provinces and to give effect to this resolution?"

THE HONOURABLE DOCTOR P. SUBBARAYAN:- "Well, Sir, as has been pointed in the answer, Government have communicated the resolution of this House to the Central Government and it is for the Central Government and the Constituent Assembly to take up this matter. Therefore, all that could possibly be done by the Local Government has been done."

SRI K. BOKKAI GOWDER:- "May I know whether the Government will maintain the border districts undisturbed till the various linguistic provinces are formed and the areas are defined by the boundary commission?"

TheHONOURABLE DOCTOR P.SUBBARAYAN:- "These are hypothetical questions. As a matter of fact, questions regarding the maintenance of the boundaries of the various districts are entirely matters for the Government to decide. If administrative convenience called for some other method of division, they might do so."

SRI K.LINGA RAJU:- "May I enquire, Sir, whether any Order-in-Council has been actually passed by the Government of India and if so, whether this Government has been consulted to give its opinion in the matter?"

THE HONOURABLE DOCTOR P. SUBBARAYAN:- "Well, Sir, this is a question which can be put in the Dominion Legislature."

SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA:- "Will the honourable Members on the Treasury Bench avoid making statements regarding shedding of blood as they have done before, particularly as they have not got enough blood to spare in connection with the dispute of the Andhra Province?"

THE HONOURABLE DOCTOR P. SUBBARAYAN:- "I think, Sir, honourable Members are wedded to non-violence and I hope they will use that method for the solution of the problem and will not shed their blood in any light manner."

SRI K. BOKKAI GOWDER:- "Is there any proposal at present now to vivisect district or districts limb by limb and thus kill the people of the districts body and soul?"

THE HONOURABLE DOCTOR P. SUBBARAYAN:- "As far as I am aware, there is no question of vivisection or killing anybody body and soul".

SRI GUNTUR NARASIMHA RAO:- "Sir, there has been some talk that an Order-in-Council has been passed and the Central Government have asked the Cabinet whether they have got any objection to the formation of the Andhra Province. Will the Government clarify the position and say whether they have received any Order-in-Council or whether the Cabinet has considered the matter because there is some loose talk about it?"

THE HONOURABLE DOCTOR P. SUBBARAYAN:- "I am aware that the resolution of this House and the Upper House was communicated to the Government of India who ought to take action in this matter. Of course, it also depends on the Constituent Assembly and thetefore, there is no question of this Government doing anything in the matter because it is a matter entirely for the Government of the Indian Union."

P.K. MOIDEEN KUTTY SAHIB BAHADUR:- " Will the Government be pleased to communicate to the Government of India the feelings of the Muslims of Malabar that they unanimously demand the formation of a Meplanad as a separate Province?

THE HONOURABLE DOCTOR P.SUBBARAYAN:- "This kind of question leads to all agitation and has led to the answers which I have given during the last three or four days, I deprecate this sort of suggestion and Government refuse to forward this suggestion."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:- "May I ask the Government whether they will be pleased to press upon the Central Government to issue an Order-in-Council for the formation of a separate Andhra Province?"

THE HONOURABLE DOCTOR P. SUBBARAYAN:- "The resolution of this Assembly has been, communicated and it is for the Government of India to take action. I know how anxious the honourable Gentleman is and if he thinks that he has got some influence in the part of the country from which he comes, he is entirely mistaken." (Laughter.)

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:- "In view of the factthat the Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, himself said that he is very anxious to help at least in the formation of the Andhra Province, will the Provincial Government inform the Central Government that the Andhra cannot wait and that they want the separation of the Andhra Province here and now?"

THE HONOURABLE DOCTOR P. SUBBARAYAN:- "I am sure that the Honourable the Prime Minister of India will know that this question has been put by my honourable Friend."

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